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Jockey Club, an association which practically controls the conduct of racing, and by the breeders of fast horses and allied interests. It is supported by all friends of moral reforms and by public sentiment generally. The farmers of the State are divided in their support. The State grange, representing upwards of 70,000 farmers, passed resolutions at their meeting in February, strongly favoring the reform. On the other hand the county fair associations are actively opposing it, the ground of their opposition being the loss of the pool tax which had been distributed to them in the past for prizes to improve the breed of stock. This objection loses its point, however, through the proposal, which is strongly supported, to appropriate an equal sum directly to the county fair associations. The great mass of the farmers are doubtless in favor of the reform. There is an attempt, however, to confuse the issue in their minds by maintaining that there is a necessary connection between race track gambling and the "improvement of the breed of horses."

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Rural Delivery Parcels Post. A bill (S. 5122), to provide a rural delivery parcels post for merchandise and other articles mailed on rural delivery routes was introduced in congress on February 10, 1908.

Special rates of postage are provided as follows: five cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound or fractional part thereof; and on parcels weighing less than a pound: for two ounces or less, one cent; over two and not exceeding four ounces, two cents; over four and not exceeding eight ounces, three cents; over eight and not exceeding twelve ounces, four cents; and over twelve ounces and not exceeding one pound, five cents. Parcels covered by the special rural postage rates are not to exceed eleven pounds in weight, three feet six inches in length, or six feet in length and girth combined.

The rural rates do not apply to parcels offered by any person acting as agent or representative, for any person or company not resident on the rural delivery route but apply only to such parcels as are offered by resident merchants or dealers and by residents in their individual capacity.

Taxation—Centralization in the Taxation of Personal Property. A bill entitled, "An act to provide for the assessment of personal property by the commonwealth," has been introduced in the Massachusetts legislature. This bill (house no. 950), is worthy of note for two reasons: first, it is an attempt to tax all personal property and tax it at a